

CALVERT COUNTY GOVERNMENT UPDATES FOR CITIZENS

Monday, Nov. 23, 2020



Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Meeting Update

There is no BOCC meeting this coming week. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m.

In case you missed the BOCC meetings earlier this month, we encourage you to watch the videos or review the minutes below.

Watch: Nov. 10 meeting | Nov. 12 meeting

Gov. Hogan Announces Additional Actions to Slow COVID-19 Spread





With Maryland's positivity rate continuing to rise, Gov. Larry Hogan announced additional actions to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Effective Friday, Nov. 20 at 5 p.m., all bars, restaurants, and venues serving food and alcohol must close between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., except for the purposes of carryout and delivery.
- Capacity at retail establishments and religious facilities will be reduced to 50%.
- Hospital visitation is prohibited until further notice with some exceptions. Medical
 facilities were also warned to avoid any elective procedure admissions that are not
 urgent or life-saving.
- Until further notice, indoor visitation at Maryland nursing homes will generally be limited to compassionate care. All visitors must have proof of a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours prior to their visit.

Read the governor's order for further recommendations. The county continues to share the latest updates surrounding Calvert County's response to COVID-19 through a virtual resource center at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Coronavirus.



From Bah Humbug to Boom: Mastering the Holiday Season

For small retailers, the holidays can be challenging! Are you ready to meet new customer expectations during the most critical 90 days of the year? Join the Small Business Development Center and the Economic Development Team on Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 9 - 10:15 a.m. for an informative webinar with retail expert Marc Willson. Discover essential strategies to make the most of the season, even during a pandemic! Register here for this free webinar: https://mdsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/16405

Rental and Mortgage Assistance Funding Available



To help local tenants and homeowners avoid eviction and foreclosure during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners approved \$300,000 in low-barrier aid funding. Households must apply for aid before Dec. 15, 2020 to receive assistance and aid will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are in danger of eviction or foreclosure, contact LifeStyles of Maryland at 301-609-9900 or Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action at 301-274-4474 for more information or to apply. Citizens can also contact the Department of Social Services at 443-550-6900 for a referral to local partner agencies and the Department of Community Resources at 410-535-1600, ext. 8803 for additional information.





Due to the recent uptick in COVID cases, Calvert County Parks & Recreation has updated its policies. Indoor facility reservations, outdoor team sports and all registrations will be limited to Calvert County residents only. If you have any questions regarding this change, please visit www.calvertcountymd.gov/parksandrecreation or call 410-535-1600, ext. 2649.







CONGRATULATIONS, CRYSTAL DOWD, ON YOUR CERTIFICATION!

Congratulations to Deputy Director for Animal Services Crystal Dowd on her prestigious Certified Animal Welfare Administrator certification. Received through The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement, this endorsement distinguishes top-level executives who meet strict eligibility requirements for leadership and management and can pass a rigorous exam covering leadership, human resources, finance, fundraising, marketing, administration and animal care.

She joins 205 other individuals nationwide, three of whom are in Maryland, in acquiring this outstanding achievement. The BOCC congratulates Crystal for her achievement!



The Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, will host a free tire recycling event for Calvert County residents Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Up to 10 tires per residence or farm will be accepted at the Appeal Landfill, located at 401 Sweetwater Road in Lusby, and Barstow Customer Convenience Center, located at 350 Stafford Road in Barstow. Water or dirt-filled tires will not be accepted. Residents must bring their driver's license or proof of residency.

For more information about recycling events, call the Calvert County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division, at 410-326-0210 or visit



The Solomons Business Association will celebrate its 37th year of Christmas Walk with a Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, Dec. 5. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m., weather conditions permitting. The Lighted Boat Parade will start at dusk near the Solomons Yachting Center (SYC) and end along the Riverwalk at approximately 7:15 p.m. The parade can be easily viewed from many of the restaurants and establishments in Solomons or the Patuxent Riverwalk. For registration or information on the boat parade, contact Anthony Baratta of SYC at 814-777-5654 or via email at ab2@psu.edu.



Annmarie Garden's award-winning holiday show will be held from Nov. 27, 2020 through Jan. 1, 2021 from 5 - 9 p.m. To ensure our visitors can safely social distance, all of the activities will be held outside including admissions, the holiday market, photos opportunities, food and drink, and of course, the lights themselves! Bundle up for the most magical holiday experience in Maryland.

Members are free and non-members are between \$10 to \$12 per person, depending upon the date. Children under two years of age are free. For more information about the event, please visit Annmarie's website.

Calverton Historical Archeological Excavation Site Video

Explore the origins of Calvert County in this original production by our Communications & Media Relations department!



Happy Thanksgiving!

The next edition will be published on Dec. 4, 2020

Calvert County Government continues to share the latest updates surrounding our county's response to COVID-19 including any precautionary measures, guidance and closures through a <u>virtual resource center</u>. You can also receive updates on the <u>county's Facebook page</u> and Comcast Channel 6/1070 HD.

Visit the Calvert County Government website for <u>past editions of Calvert Currents</u>.

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